

Status of exposure assessment and diffusive sampling approaches for VOCs in Korea

SYMPOSIUM

Diffusive or passive sampling approaches have been long applied to monitor workers' exposure to volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) at work. Compared with pumped or active sampling methods, the diffusive approaches have strengths such as non-pump operation, light weight, less intrusion, easy transportation, simple handling, etc. Currently, a number of diffusive samplers are commercially available while there are still limitations or controversies in applications due to high cost as well as incapability of changing uptake rate and/or irregular environmental conditions. Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA) launched a program entitled as 'A program providing information on chemicals exposed to workers' since the year of 2020. VOCs sampled using diffusive samplers in workers are analyzed at KOSHA and the results are informed to the workers across the country. Moreover, in line with the program, research activities have been conducted over years as well. The objective of the symposium is to share information on what and how diffusive sampling approaches for VOCs have been addressed over years and will be applied in Korea in the near future. In the symposium, the first speaker will share research experiences taken in the stages of a multiple-year project developing a chamber to test diffusive samplers for VOCs at KOSHA. The second will present key findings in development of a new type of diffusive samplers for VOCs at an IH Laboratory. And the third will share an approach on how KOSHA used diffusive samplers to monitor exposure to VOCs in workers across the country.

Development of a chamber system to test passive samplers for VOCs at KOSHA

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Features of key findings in development of a new type of diffusive samplers for volatile organic compounds at work

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A new nationwide approach to monitor workers' exposure to volatile organic compounds using diffusive samplers

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